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Spring Meeting of the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission
April 28, 2015
C-1 Conference Room
Tawes State Office Building
580 Taylor Avenue
Annapolis, MD 21401
2-5 PM

Preliminary Agenda*

- 2:00-2:05 Welcome and Announcements – Tom O’Connell, Director MD DNR Fisheries Service and Bill Goldsborough, SFAC Chairman
- Desired Outcome: Update commission on pertinent information
- 2:05-2:20 Public Comment**
- 2:20-2:30 NRP Activity report – Acting Lieutenant Aaron Parker, MD DNR NRP (handout)
- Desired Outcome: Update the Commission on the latest NRP activity.
- 2:30-2:45 Maryland Fishing Challenge - update commission on stakeholder meeting, Karen Knotts, MD DNR Fisheries Service (handout)
- Desired Outcome: Inform commission on changes to MFC prize structure
- 2:55-3:15 Vibrio Public Information Campaign – Kathy Brohawn, MDE
- 3:15-3:45 Regulations
- Update - public notices, scoping, proposed and regulations which became effective (handout) – Sarah Widman, MD DNR Fisheries Service (handout)
 - License Free Fishing Areas – Crab license exemption at issue, Gina Hunt, MD DNR Fisheries Service (handout)
 - Legislative Summary – Recap of fisheries related legislation from 2015 General Assembly - Gina Hunt, MD DNR, Fisheries Service (handout)
- 3:45-4:00 Inland Fisheries
- Introduce Tony Prochaska, new Inland Fisheries Director – Tom O’Connell, MD DNR Fisheries Service
 - Inland Fisheries Report (handout)

- 4:00-4:30 Estuarine and Marine Fisheries Management Planning
- ASMFC Update
 - Update on striped bass appeal – Tom O’Connell, MD DNR Fisheries Service
 - Outlook for menhaden at ASMFC – Staff, MD DNR Fisheries
 - Blue crab winter dredge survey results – Staff, MD DNR
- 4:30-4:45 Shellfish – Status of the Oyster Restoration Program – Tom O’Connell, MD DNR Fisheries Service
- Desired Outcome: Update the Commission
- 4:45-5:00 Closing Remarks – Chairman Bill Goldsborough and Tom O’Connell
- 5:00 Adjourn

*The Preliminary agenda is subject to change

**Public comment as time allows. Public observers will be allowed to address the SFAC at the designated time period on the agenda for each meeting. For topics that are not on the agenda, the Chairperson will use a public sign-up list in deciding how to allocate the available time on the agenda to the number of people who want to speak. For topics on the agenda, the Chairperson will try to provide an opportunity for comment, taking into account the time allotted on the agenda for the topic.

Handouts: Agenda, NRP Activity Update, Regulatory Updates & Scoping, LFFA/crabbing gear, Legislative Summary, Active Artificial Reef Project Summary, Inland Fisheries Monthly Report